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SUBJ: ARID LAND SCIENCES JC PROGRAM

REF: STATE 86633

1. ON APRIL 26, EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE DISCUSSED REFTEL AND
INFORMAL ARID LANDS SCIENCE WORKSHOP PROPOSAL WITH
DR. BAHMAN PARSA, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND
HIGHER EDUCATION, MSHE.

2. DR. PARSA COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: (A) GOI IS DEFINITELY AND
SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT OF ARID LANDS; (B) MINISTRY OF
SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION HAS FORMED INTER-MINISTRY COMMITTEE
ON ARID LANDS. THIS COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET THIS COMING
JUNE (EXACT DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET -- PROBABLY SOMETIME MID-JUNE.)

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(C) CONCERNING JOINT U.S. --IRAN WORKSHOP, MSHE, IS INTERESTED,
IN PRINCIPLE, IN THIS POSSIBILITY. TO PERMIT TIME, AS PARSA
SAID "TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER" HE SUGGESTED LATE AUTUMN OR EARLY
WINTER AS A FEASIBLE TIME, PARSA SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
FURTHER SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NSF, IN WRITING, ON A
GRANT PROPOSAL. PARSA WOULD THEN BRING THIS DETAILED NSF
INFORMATION BEFORE THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IN THEIR JUNE
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MEETIN. FYI: IMPLICATION WAS THAT GOI/MSHE WOULD CONSIDER
PARTICIPATION IN JOINT FUNDING OF WORKSHOP. (D) SCIATT
LIIMATAINEN LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH MR. PARDEE NEXT WEEK
IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AND OTHER U.S. - IRAN
COOPERATIVE MATTERS.
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